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Mr. Richard Bissell
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Dear Dick:

By separate cover, I am sending a pair of documents resulting from unclassified studies that we have produced here at [REDACTED] I expect the 25X1A "Frontiers in Technology" area to be better handled in next year's publication, planned to carry the same or nearly the same title. The long range environment study, "A Challenge to Planners" will also be modified and supplemented some next year. This was the first year for both.

25X1A No startling technical developments have occurred here since the briefing that [REDACTED] gave to you in February. We are studying some new ideas in Undersea Warfare and missile weaponry and concentrating a good portion of our idea generating efforts in the fields of missile defense, satellite usage, limited war and intelligence production (large systems) but none of these efforts have reached a state of certainty yet that we would like to support.

25X1A I have had little input on [REDACTED] took charge of the effort for you and no questions have been put to me by Jack. Personalities in the situation seem to make this the most practical way to handle [REDACTED] for the 25X1A present. Given time, it will be possible to judge on the basis of the results whether or not the fully automatic feature that [REDACTED] are trying can 25X1A be successful. [REDACTED] tried to sell this system concept to the Army, Navy and the Air Force before they sold it to [REDACTED] but the services wouldn't buy. 25X1A

Will be in Washington the week of May 5th and 6th. Is there anything I could do for you?

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

Manager-Projects

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